(b) The Corporation has been incurring losses mainly due to inadequate and imbalanced order book, excess manpower, high overheads, serious liquidity problem, shortage of power, poor work culture, old machinery and heavy outstanding from the customers etc. The order book position has, however, improved recently.

(c) Government have taken various steps to curtail losses in HEC which include providing plan and non-plan funds and guarantee for increase in cash credit limit with the banks to obviate the present liquidity crunch and providing funds for implementation of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme to rationalise the excess manpower.

Complaints against "Trade Marks" Registry, Okhla, New Delhi

2155. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently received any complaints against some senior examiners of Trade Marks Registry, Okhla, New Delhi regarding malpractices, in the allotment of Trade Marks etc; and

(b) if so, the details of the complaints and the action taken, if any, thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) A complaint was received against the Senior Examiner of Trade Marks of the Trade Marks Registry, New Delhi in connection with the allotment of a trade mark "Bhatakchhap". The allegations, on examination, were not established.

Directorate General of Technical Development

2156. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the work-load of the staff and officers in his Ministry particualrly in the Directorate General of Technical Development, in view of the announcement of the New Liberalised Industrial Policy;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) how Government propose to utilise the staff and the Officers rendered surplus or whose work-load has been considerably reduced; and

(d) whether there is any proposal of appointing a task force to examine this issue threadbare in order to achieve the objective of maximising economic benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (d) The Government's recent economic initiatives in the form of major industrial, fiscal and trade liberalisations have led to revised perceptions about the role, functions and organisational structure of several Ministries/Departments/Oranisations. Consequently, it may be necessary to restructure several of these, including the Directorate General of Technical Development. Government have not taken any final decision in this regard. However, in respect of Department of Industrial Development (proper), a preliminary assessment of work local has been carried out. As a result of this exercise, the work in the Department has been reorganised. This reorganisation has inter-alia resulted in a fair number of posts becoming surplus. The adjustment of surplus is by redeployment, non-filling up of vacancies and by adjustment against existing vacancies within the revised strength.

Use of blue asbestos in small scale sector in India

2157. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cancer causing blue asbestos, banned in most parts of the world, is still being used unchecked in some small scale sectors in India, according to report presented at a Texicology Congress held in New Delhi on the 27th November, 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons for not banning its use; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in the matter in the context of the above findings of experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Blue Asbestos is neither produced nor imported in India as it is only available in South Africa. Asbestos Information Centre, New Delhi informed that use of Blue Asbestos has been prohibited by ILO and WHO. The import of Asbestos is canalised through MMTC.

(b) Since Blue Asbestos is not being imported or produced it was not considered necessary for banning.

(c) However, in consultation with DGTD it is proposed to bring Blue Asbestos i.e. Crocidilite under Annexure 2-A in Import & Export Policy 1990—93.

नई औद्योगिक नीति में परिवर्तन

2158. **कुमारी लईदा खातून** : क्या **प्रधान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार निकट भविष्य में नई औद्योगिक नीति में परिवर्तन करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस प्रयोजन के लिए उद्योगपतियों, श्रमिक नेताओं, सांसदों, विधायकों और अन्य प्रमुख व्यक्तियों के सुझाव आमंत्रित किए हैं या आमंत्रित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) क्या संगठित श्रमिक वर्ग ने इस नीति का विरोध किया है, यदि हां, तो इसके द्वारा क्या-क्या कारण बताए गए हैं ; और

(ग) इस औद्योगिक नीति के परिणामस्वरूप कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त होने की संभावना है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० जे० कुरियन) : (क) लाइसेंसीकरण नीति को उदार बनाना और कार्य-विधियों को सरल और कारगर बनाना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है सांसदों, विधायकों, उद्योगपतियों, श्रमिक नेताओं और अन्य व्यक्तियों के सुझावों का हमेशा स्वागत है ।

(ख) कुछ ट्रेड यूनियन के संगठनों में 29 नवम्बर, 1991 को औद्योगिक हड़ताल का आह्वान किया था जिनकी मांग थी कि ट्रेड यूनियनों से परामर्श करके सरकार आर्थिक और औद्योगिक नीतियों को फिर से तैयार करे ताकि सरकारी एककों इत्यादि निजीकरण को रोकने के उपाय किए जा सकें । सरकार ने एक विशेष त्रिपक्षीय समिति का गठन किया है जो श्रमिकों और अन्य सम्बद्ध मामलों पर नई औद्योगिक नीति के प्रभाव पर विचार करेगी और उपयुक्त सिफारिशें देगी ।

(ग) नई औद्योगिक नीति की घोषणा होने के पश्चात् 31-10-1991 तक 250 से अधिक विदेशी सहयोग प्रस्तावों को मंजूरी दे दी गई है इनमें से 60 से अधिक प्रस्तावों में लगभग 170 करोड रुपए के प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश की परिकल्पना की गई है ।

सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में भ्रष्टाचार की शिकायतें

2159. **श्री रणजीत सिंह :**
डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी क्षेत्र के अनेक औद्योगिक उपक्रमों में भ्रष्टाचार, नियुक्तियों, पदोन्नतियों और गबन से संबंधित अनेक शिकायतें बिना जांच किए लम्बित पड़ी हैं ; यदि हां, तो मार्च, 1991 तक ऐसी शिकायतों की संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ख) इन शिकायतों में से कितनी-कितनी शिकायतें गबन, भ्रष्टाचार, पदोन्नतियों और नियुक्तियों से संबंधित हैं तथा वे कितने-कितने समय से लंबित हैं ?